Anonymous Transactions

Abstract

An anonymous transaction by a first party is accommodated without revealing the real identity of the first party by utilizing an alias. The alias is transmitted by a second party to the transaction to a secure database for authentication. Data is retrieved from the database based on the transmitted alias and analyzed, and an indication of authorization is returned to the second party. The alias may be a name, an alphanumeric identifier, or the like. The first party may be a child under the age of majority, and the transaction may include the use of a credit, debit, or prepaid card.